



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

US 14/WIS 11 Corridor Study
Between US 51 and I-43
Rock and Walworth Counties
Project Id. 1706-05-00

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11th, 2003 - Janesville Craig High School
Janesville, Wisconsin
and
Thursday, November 13th, 2003 - Darien Elementary School
Darien, Wisconsin



Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Madison Transportation District

Welcome to the public information meeting concerning the US 14/WIS 11 Corridor Study. We appreciate your attendance and interest in this project.

This handout and the exhibits on display will help familiarize you with the project. We encourage you to view the exhibits and ask questions or make comments to the consulting engineers and planners or Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) staff. A “comment form” is attached to this handout for your convenience, and may be returned to the registration table or returned by mail as noted on the form. We ask that all comments be returned by Wednesday, November 26, 2003.

PRESENTATION AGENDA (6 p.m.)

Welcome	LeAnna Wall, WisDOT
Project Description	Darin Blang, T N & Associates
Questions and Answers	All

PROJECT SUMMARY

WisDOT recently began a comprehensive study of US Highway 14 (US 14) and State Highway 11 (WIS 11) between US 51 and I-43. The needs assessment study, which is the first of four phases, is beginning now. It will focus on how the highway currently serves the people living and working in the area and how the highway is expected to operate in the future. The project team will gather data about a variety of issues, such as current and future traffic volumes, crash data, environmental constraints, and how the highway affects land use patterns and the general economics of the area.

Participants at this public information meeting will play an important role in helping the project team gather data and understand how the current roadway is functioning. The information gathered in the first phase of the project will give the project team a solid understanding from which to carry out the rest of the project. In the second phase of the project, a full range of potential improvement alternatives for the highway will be developed. The third phase will involve evaluating those different alternatives, based on level of safety improvement, cost, right-of-way needs, land use and other engineering factors, and environmental and local impacts,. In the fourth phase, the project team will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that compares the impacts of the alternatives. It also compares the alternatives to a “no-build” option

that assumes no improvements are made to the highway. Finally, it makes a recommendation for a preferred alternative. The study process is expected to last two years.

Public Involvement The Department strongly encourages continual information exchange with the public throughout the development of this project. Three separate public information meetings will be held during the study. Additionally, two committees will be formed to provide additional information and guidance to the study team. The “Advisory Committee” will be composed of state and local officials. The “Technical Committee” will be composed of local transportation and planning experts. Business and property owners will be interviewed to better understand their transportation and access needs. Throughout the process, the project team will develop and distribute project newsletters to give periodic progress updates.

At this meeting tonight, we will present information to you, but we also need information from you! Enclosed in this handout is a “Comment Sheet” that we would like you to fill out. You can turn it in tonight or mail it to us. In particular, we are hoping to gather any information people may have concerning problems with the existing roadway, safety concerns, drainage problems, archeological or historical resources, or hazardous materials/contaminated soils.

Proposed Time Schedule The timetable below indicates the schedule for the US 14/WIS 11 Corridor Study.

Phase 1: Needs Assessment	Fall, 2003 -- Spring 2004
Phase 2: Develop Alternatives	Spring 2004 -- Fall 2004
Phase 3: Evaluate Alternatives	Fall 2004 – Spring 2005
Phase 4: Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)	Spring 2005 – Fall 2005

PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this handout or presented here today, please contact one of the individuals listed below. If you would like your name added to the mailing list for future announcements, please contact:

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The US 14/WIS 11 Project Website will be up soon. Visit:
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/wis11study/index.htm> to stay involved.